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Subject. Assassination of CHENG HAI DAO, Acting Chief of the Chinese Staff of the French Police - arrest of suspects.

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Subsequent to the assassination of Mr. CHENG HAI DAO (程海涛), Clerk and Acting Chief of the Chinese Staff of the Political Section of the French Police, which took place on the morning of October 18, one CHIEN ZUNG LOONG (錢成龍), accompanied by a plain-clothes member of the Japanese Military Police called at French Police Headquarters at 9 p.m. the same day and offered assistance in effecting the arrest of persons alleged to be connected with the murder. CHIEN was a former detective sub-inspector of the French Police dismissed for being involved in an opium smuggling case, and is at present a section chief of the "Special Service Corps of the Chung Kuo Kuomintang Anti-Comintern and National Salvation Army," a pro-WANG CHING WEI organization with headquarters at 76 Jessfield Road.

Acting on this information, the French Police carried out raids between 3 a.m. and 6.30 a.m. October 19 and 5 p.m. the same day at various places in the French Concession with the result that altogether sixteen suspe were taken into custody. Details relating to the number of persons arrested and the places raided are as follows :

Address	No. of arrests
(1) Room 503 Dah Woo Hotel (大滬飯店), 341 Avenue Edward VII.	One named WONG TSENG MING (王振民), age 32, a native of Shanghai.

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Address	No. of arrests
(2) Room 26, Iughan Apartment, Lane 313, House 7 Rue Ratard.	One WONG ZEU ZIANG (王瑞祥), age 27, native of Shantung, and his wife.
(3) 9 Yoong Hwa Li (荣華里), Rue Brenier de Montmorand.	Seven male and three female Chinese.
(4) 18 Lei Mi Faung (雷米坊), Rue Remi.	
(5) 263 Avenue du Roi Albert.	One male and two female Chinese.

In the first four mentioned places, nothing of an incriminating nature was found, but in the fifth address one Mauser and two pistols were unearthed.

It is reported that these suspects are members of the C.C. Corps of the Chungking Government, and information from a reliable source tends to show that they are connected with the murder of the late Acting Chief of the Chinese Staff of the French Police. The French Police, however, are not disclosing any details regarding the case and everything is being kept secret.

Vide Sp. Br. report dated 19.10.39.

Twelve persons including one LU PAH LIANG (呂柏良) who were arrested during the course of a search by the French Police at Tsung Kiang No. 2 Lodging House, 317 Avenue Edward VII on October 18, were released the following day. They were found to be members of the "China Peace National Salvation Alliance Army", which is under organization by the WANG CHING WEI clique, and are not connected with the murder case.

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Chinese Head Of French Police Political Branch Assassinated In Morning

Shot In Head And Back By Gunmen Whilst Riding In Private Riesha; Predecessor Was Also Shot In Similar Manner On May 6

ASSASSINS MAKE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE ALONG EMPTY STREET; COOLIE HIT

Mr. Zeng Hai-do, 38-year-old Acting Chief Chinese Inspector of the Political Department of the French Municipal Police, was brutally assassinated in the Concession yesterday morning. Mr. Zeng was shot and fatally wounded in the head and back whilst riding in a riesha on his way to office at 7.45 a.m. He was just nearing Rue Amiral Bayle, along Rue Conty, when he was shot by four gunmen.

Mr. Zeng had taken over the duties of the late Mr. Tsao Ping-sung, former Chinese head of the Political Department of the French Police, who was also assassinated by unidentified gangsters in his Concession residence on Route Herves des Sieyes on the morning of May 6.

The latest victim of assassins' bullets had just left his home at Lane 685, House 40, Rue Conty and was riding in a riesha when in front of a Chinese factory at 309 Rue Conty, he was suddenly approached by two men, who called him by name. On hearing Mr. Zeng called by name, the ric ha puller slowed-down, but before he or the victim could ascertain what was happening, two other men approached from behind with drawn pistols and fired four shots at Mr. Zeng.

One bullet lodged itself in Mr. Zeng's head, another found its mark in his left shoulder, while the third penetrated his back. The fourth bullet inflicted a flesh wound in the neck of the victim's riesha puller.

Gunmen Escape

With the road almost deserted in the early hour of the morning and there being no police officers in the vicinity, the assassins scattered and made good their escape. Police were immediately called and an ambulance sent to the scene of the shooting. The victim was already dead upon arrival of the ambulance and instead of being rushed to hospital, he was taken to his home.

Apart from the riesha puller, who was frightened out of his wits, no other eye-witnesses to the shooting could be found yesterday. The puller could supply very little information regarding the assassins. He saw them, but could hardly describe them.

Long Service

Mr. Zeng had been in the service of the French Municipal Police for the past 12 years. Prior to his appointment as Acting Chief Chinese Inspector to the Political Department in succession of Mr. Tsao, he was the chief translator in the same department.

The deceased was 38 at the time of his death. He was a native of Hweichow, in Anhwei province. His untimely death was deeply regretted yesterday by his superiors and fellow workers. Mr. Zeng leaves behind his wife and three sons, aged 12, 15 and 18, a younger brother and a sister, as well as his 64-year-old father, all of whom were living with him at the time of his death.

With all the assassins having made good their escape prior to the arrival of the police, detectives were pushing extensive injuiries all day yesterday with a view to trackin down the killers.

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Political Branch Suffers Second Killing Of Year

Zeng Hai-Do Attacked Riding In Ricsha To Office

ZAO PING-SUNG DEATH COPIED

Motives For Shooting Proving Problem To Trace

An assassination gun barked again in Shanghai today, when Secretary-Interpreter Zeng Hai-do of the French Police Political Department was killed in Rue Amiral Bayle at 7.55 a.m.

Mr. Zeng's death duplicates that of his predecessor in the Political Department, Superintendent Zao Ping-sung, who was also shot and killed, some four months ago.

Going To Work

Leaving his home in Rue Amiral Bayle to go to work this morning, Mr. Zeng had only proceeded a short distance in his ricsha when he was killed ten yards from Rue Conty.

A single Chinese gunman stepped from the sidewalk and at short range fired three shots into Mr. Zeng, hitting him in the back and neck, killing him instantly. The assassin then made his escape.

Twelve Years

Thirty-seven years of age, Mr. Zeng had served 12 years with the French Police. No reason for his killing has been found as yet by the detectives working on the case and investigations are being made to see whether it was a personal affair, the result of inquiries made in the course of his duties or terrorism.

Mr. Zeng leaves behind him three sons, children of his first marriage, and his 27 years old widow whom he only married three months ago. Mr. Zeng's father is resident in Shanghai.

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Whilst proceeding to his office from his home at 40 Heng Chong Li, Rue Amiral Bayle in a public ricsha, Cheng Hai Dao (程海濤), Clerk and Acting Chief of the Chinese Staff of the Political Section of the French Police, was fatally shot from behind at 7.50 a.m. October 18, 1939 at the intersection of Rue Amiral Bayle and Rue Conty by an assassin who fired four shots in all two of which found their mark. He was killed instantly.

It has been ascertained that in the early part of August, 1939, Cheng Hai Dao joined the Wang Ching Wei clique, which issued a monthly allowance of $800.00 to Cheng through Ting Muh-tsung, (Commander of the Special Service Corps of the Chung Kuo Kuomintang Anti-Comintern and National Salvation Army, an armed gang of the Wang clique.)

It has been reported that prior to his death and since joining the Wang Ching Wei clique, Cheng sent additional copies of any reports of importance to Ting Muh Tsung whenever these came into his hands.

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General Enquires

Since forwarding of last diary in this case diligent enquires have been carried out by detectives concerned and as a result the following facts have been established:-

It would appear that prior to the outbreak of Sino-Japanese Hostilities in August 1937, Nyi Hai Van (倪海雲) the victim in this crime, was a section chief of the now defunct Social Bureau under Pan Kung Chan( )(Wu Te Chan's regime), and with the liquidation of this bureau, he like many other Kuomingtang members, devoted his services to refugee relief and educational work, also he is reported to have been one of the promotors of the Heng Nyi Lee( ) Society a pro-Chunking Political Party.

Amongst the numerous positions held by Nyi Hai Van was that of Principal of the Ta Hai Middle School located at 1458 R/well Road, and as can be seen from documents found on his person and at his office there remains no doubt that he was constantly in touch with his former chief, Pan Kung Chan who according to information at hand, is at present a member of the Chunking Kouminteng Headquarters.

In view of his alledged Pro-Chunking leanings

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